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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ON NEGOTIATORS DEPARTURE

1. TEXT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMUNIQUE
ON THE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
CANAL NEGOTIATING TEAM, AS PRINTED IN PANAMA PAPERS
SEPT. 18, FOLLOWS.

"AFTER TEN DAYS IN THE COUNTRY, AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH
BUNKER AND HIS PARTY RETURNED WEDNESDAY TO THE UNITED
STATES. DURING THEIR STAY HERE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES HELD A NUMBER OF WORKING
AND CONSULTATION SESSIONS, AT WHICH THE POSITIONS OF
BOTH SIDES WERE SET FORTH.

"THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FEELS THAT THERE HAS BEEN VERY
LITTLE PROGRESS IN THIS STAGE OF THE SESSIONS.

"BOTH MISSIONS EXPECT TO CONTINUE SOON WITH A NEW
SERIES OF SESSIONS AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA
REPRESENTATIVES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONDUCTING THE
NECESSARY STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE POSITIONS
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SUBMITTED AT THE LATEST MEETINGS. THE ASSISTANTS TO

THE PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATORS WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON THE CLARIFYING PROCESS.

"FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN ANTONIO TACK, MINISTER CARLOS OZORES T., AMBASSADOR NICOLAS GONZALEZ-REVILLA, AND VICE-MINISTER DARIEN A. AYALA, SAID GOOD BYE TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND HIS PARTY AT NOON TODAY AT TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

"PUBLIC EXPOSITIONS ON THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL BE CONTINUED OPPORTUNELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INFORMATION POLICY WHICH THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS OUTLINED. PANAMA, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1975."

2. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH TACK AND GONZALEZ-REVILLA AT TOCUMEN, AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND AMBASSADOR JORDEN REQUESTED THAT "VERY LITTLE PROGRESS" BE CHANGED TO READ "SOME PROGRESS" OR LITTLE PROGRESS." THEIR REQUEST HAS CLEARLY NOT BEEN AGREED TO. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMUNIQUE, AS IT READS NOW, IS STILL LESS NEGATIVE THAN THE ORIGINAL VERSION PRESENTED AT THE AIRPORT WHICH READ "NO PROGRESS."
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